

City of Fayetteville
Regular Mayor and City Council Meeting
Minutes
December 18, 2014

Call to Order

The Mayor and City Council of Fayetteville met in regular session on December 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Clifton called the meeting to order, followed by Opening Prayer. Local Boy Scout Billy Arnsdorff led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present were: Mickey Edwards, Edward Johnson, Paul Oddo, and Scott Stacy. Councilmember James Williams was absent. Staff members present were City Manager Ray Gibson and City Clerk Anne Barksdale.

Stacy moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council Meeting of December 4, 2014. Oddo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings:

Mayor Clifton called Consider Alcohol License for My Honor, Inc., d/b/a Village Market, 765 North Glynn Street, for Rakesh Chourasia.

Anne Barksdale, City Clerk stated all paperwork has been approved.

Oddo moved to approve Alcohol License for My Honor, Inc., d/b/a Village Market, 765 North Glynn Street, for Rakesh Chourasia. Stacy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Clifton called Consider Ordinance #0-21-14 – To Update the City’s Official Zoning Map – Public Hearing and 2nd Reading.

Brian Wismer, Director of Community Development stated in continuance of the recommendations by the City Attorney, Mayor and Council shall adopt the City Zoning Map and Future Land Use Map on an annual basis to record any changes to either document. All changes are recorded and maintained in the City’s GIS (Geographic Information System) files.

He explained the updated City Zoning Map includes zoning changes to several parcels approved by Mayor and Council since the last update. In June of this year, property at Lanier Avenue and North Lafayette Avenue (The Villages) was rezoned from PCD age -restricted residential to PCD non-age restricted residential (future Lafayette Square Apt.- no change to zoning designation on map). In

August, property at Sandy Creek Road and Veterans Parkway was subdivided and rezoned from R 70/Single Family Residential to O&I /Office & Institutional (future GA Military College). In September, property at W. Lafayette Avenue and Meeting Place Drive (The Villages) was rezoned from PCD to PCD with revised site plan (future Lafayette Place Senior Housing Community – no change to zoning designation on map). In October, Property at 819 Redwine Road was rezoned from R-30 /Single Family Residential to R-22/ Single Family Residential (Oddo Property). In December, property at 275 Lee Street was rezoned from RP/ Residential Professional to C-1 /Downtown Commercial (pending).

Mr. Wismer added the 2014 Future Land Use Map has been amended accordingly. Staff recommends approval of the updated City Zoning Map.

Johnson moved to approve Ordinance #0-21-14 – To Update the City’s Official Zoning Map. Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Mayor Clifton called Consider R-15-14 – To Update the City’s Official Land Use Map.

Brian Wismer, Director of Community Development said the Future Land Use Map must be formally adopted by resolution, and it can now be adopted along with the 2nd reading of the 2014 City Zoning Map. Staff recommends approval of the updated City Official Land Use Map.

Johnson moved to approve R-15-14 – To Update the City’s Official Land Use Map Oddo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Mayor Clifton stated we need to add an agenda item under New Business: To Consider Cancellation of the January 1, 2015 City Council Meeting as it falls on New Year’s Day.

Oddo moved to Amend the Agenda to add Item 7B – Consider Cancellation of the January 1, 2015 City Council Meeting due to the New Year’s Day holiday. Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Clifton called Consider Approval of Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) FY 2015 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application.

Chris Hindman, Director of Public Services stated GDOT funds are available through the FY 2015 LMIG program in the amount of \$136,458.69 as long as the City meets or exceeds the required local match requirement in the amount of \$40,937.61, which is 30%. In order to receive the funds the City must submit a proposed priority list which has a total cost which meets or exceeds the grant amount and the local match amount combined which comes to a total required amount of \$177,396.39.

He added the proposed LMIG Priority List which includes five (5) ADA compliant sidewalks ramps which is estimated to cost \$13,525.00 is included for review. The installation of the ADA compliant sidewalk ramps is a part of the City's ongoing plan of coming into compliance with ADA standards. Also included in the list is the resurfacing of a portion Jeff Davis Drive North. The total resurfacing project is approximately 1.37 miles with a total estimated cost of \$388,787.76. Staff is proposing to combine multiple years of the grant to be able to have the funds available to perform the resurfacing operation. The FY 2015 portion of the grant that would be allocated to the project would be \$163,905.00. Per GDOT regulations the money can be set aside for up to three years for larger projects. Staff is proposing to perform the resurfacing project in 2016 which will meet this requirement. The total estimated cost of the LMIG Priority List comes to a total of \$177,430.00 which meets the GDOT requirement of exceeding the grant amount and local match dollars. The 30% local match portion is budgeted in the FY 2015 Public Works operating budget.

Mr. Hindman requested approval of the LMIG 2015 Priority List for the installation of five (5) ADA compliant ramps and requested setting aside the remainder of the balance for the resurfacing of Jeff Davis Drive North and also requested that the Mayor be authorized to sign the necessary documents to submit to GDOT to obtain the grant dollars available to the City.

Johnson moved to grant Approval of Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) FY 2015 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application. Stacy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Clifton called Consider Committee to Study Proposed Architectural Guidelines and Minimum Standards for Architectural Development.

Brian Wismer, Director of Community Development stated during discussions of proposed architectural guidelines at the December 4, 2014 City Council meeting, Council voted to "table" the proposed ordinance amendment and directed staff to create a committee that can further study the intent and impact of the proposed guidelines. The committee shall be comprised of stakeholders to include builders, architects, appraisers, City staff and elected officials. The goal of the committee will be to review the current proposal and make a revised recommendation that addresses those stakeholder concerns.

He said Staff recommends that Council appoint two of its members to sit on this committee. The remaining committee members will consist of the City Manager, Community Development Director, two local residential builders, an architect and an appraiser. Staff is currently in the process of finalizing commitments from the other representatives.

Council agreed to appoint Councilmembers Williams and Edwards to this committee, with Johnson as an alternate.

Mayor Clifton called Consider Cancellation of January 1, 2015 City Council Meeting as it conflicts with the New Year's Day holiday.

Oddo moved to Cancel the January 1, 2015 City Council Meeting due to the conflict with the New Year's Day holiday. Stacy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Clifton called Consider Appointment of Two (2) Representatives from Mayor and Council to serve on Interview Committee to Fill Board/Commission Vacancies.

Ray Gibson, City Manager stated Mayor and Council will need to make several appointments in January of 2015 including the Planning and Zoning Commission, Ethics Board, Main Street Tourism Association and Downtown Development Authority. The City is currently advertising these vacancies through December 31, 2014. Staff has also contacted current board members about their interest in being considered for reappointment.

He added Staff is recommending that the City establish a committee consisting of two (2) elected officials and staff to interview prospective board members and make appointment recommendations to the Mayor and Council in January of 2015. It is anticipated that the committee will conduct interviews and be prepared to make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council at the second meeting in January of 2015.

Council agreed to appoint Councilmembers Stacy and Johnson to this committee.

City Manager and Staff Reports:

Ray Gibson, City Manager stated monthly departmental reports are available for Council's review.

Scott Pitts, Police Chief announced his department is finally at full staff. He also said the "Christmas with the Police" project was very successful this year and they were able to help many families including a military family by presenting them with a new US Flag.

City Council and Committee Reports:

Councilmember Oddo stated the Friendship Force will be hosting a delegation from Ukraine February 13th -21st and would like for us to host this group during this time to discuss/compare leadership roles/positions in local government.

Anne Barksdale, City Clerk stated she, Chief Alan Jones, and Councilmember Jim Williams attended the retirement reception for outgoing Fayette Chamber President Virginia Gibbs this past Tuesday. She said she read and presented a proclamation to her from the City of Fayetteville.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Clifton thanked Joyce Waits and Brian Wismer for their successful Main Street Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting event.

Mayor Clifton commented on the passing of long time Fayetteville resident and business owner Robert Jordan, stating he was an outstanding citizen and leader in Fayetteville and Fayette County and he will be greatly missed.

Stacy moved to adjourn the meeting. Oddo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Barksdale, City Clerk